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OF
FLOWERS.

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“In eastern lands they talk in flowers,
And they tell in a garland their loves and cares;
Each blossom that blooms in their garden bowers,
On its leaves a mystic language bears.”

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PREFACE.



FLOWERS are universally acknowledged and appreciated as the most graceful and lovely objects among the productions of nature, and few preliminary remarks are therefore necessary in presenting to the acceptance of the public, a little work on a subject so truly delightful and interesting as the Language of Flora.

Flowers are calculated to raise generous and tender emotions in the heart, and to swell the bosom with gratitude and praise to the "Giver of every blessing," for the rich and inexhaustible treasures he has thought fit to scatter in such profusion around us, to delight our senses by their rich tints, delicate forms, and delightful perfumes — filling the air with the most delicious fragrance throughout the summer months—

“When 'stead of one unchanging breeze,
There blow a thousand gentle airs,
And each a different perfume bears:—
As if the loveliest plants and trees
Had vassal breezes of their own
To watch and wait on them alone,
And waft no other breath than theirs.”

Poets have from the time of Chaucer to the present day adorned their verse with singing the praises and extolling the perfume of the breath of the flowers, which so delightfully blend in the zephyrs of the summer skies; and have spoken of them in language almost divine,—terming them the “Stars of the earth:”—indeed, poetry without them would lose its chief beauty, for it derives from them its richest charms.

The associations connected with flowers are equally pleasing, for are there not some of our commonest plants which we have held in the highest esteem, since the days of our infancy, when we rambled about the meadows and woods in careless innocence, that bear to us sweet memories of the happy days of childhood, and speak eloquently to the heart? And in later years have not the rose’s blush, the tulip’s varied hues, and the lily’s grace, attracted our admiring gaze? Whilst the carnation, mignonette, and violet, with a variety of others, delighted us with their sweet perfume.

Pages may be filled in speaking the praises of these lovely gems of the earth; but what we have to consider in the present little work, is the sentiments attached to them, which may not inappropriately be called the “Language of Angels.”

On searching the historic page, in all ages we find flowers were in requisition at festivals as well as at funerals, and among the Heathens, the Jews, and the Christians, they were used as emblems. In the East, in particular, we have abundant proof that the feelings were expressed by them, and that there were flowers to represent hope, love, grief, joy, care, fear, hatred, and every other sentiment; and that the acceptance or refusal of a proffered flower had great effect on the one presenting it, as we find in a passage in the *Bride of Abydos*, where Selim allows the rose offered by Zuleika to remain untouched, which leads her to exclaim—

“What! not receive my favorite flower?
Nay, then I am indeed unblest.”

In the West, too, we read of the homage paid and sentiment attached to trees and flowers; and among the numerous instances we find the reward of the victor was the laurel, and the chaplet of the poet the bay; palms were the emblem of triumph,—cypress of mourning—and the holly of festivals. We are told of the respect paid to the oak by our Roman and British ancestors, and the solemnity with which the Druids regarded the mistletoe and the crab apple; and the supersti-

tions attached to several others, as the black poplar and the Rowan tree.

In the Language of Flowers—

“The rose is a sign of joy and love,---
Young blushing love in its early dawn;
And the mildness that suits the gentle dove,
From the myrtle’s snowy flower is drawn.

“Innocence shines in the lily’s bell,
Pure as the heart in its native heaven;
Fame’s bright star, and Glory’s swell,
By the glossy leaf of the bay is given.

“The silent, soft, and humble heart
In the violet’s hidden sweetness breathes;
And the tender soul that cannot part,
A twine of evergreen fondly wreathes.

“The cypress that daily shades the grave,
Is sorrow that mourns her bitter lot;
And faith, that a thousand ills can brave,
Speaks in thy blue leaves---forget-me-not.”

But the same flower is made to convey several sentiments—according to the manner in which it is presented, and the state it is in when given. For example:—if a rose bud, or other flower with prickly or thorny stalks be presented with the thorns and leaves on, it expresses the sentiment of “*I fear but I hope;*” for the thorns imply fear, and the leaves hope; but dives the sprig of the thorns and leaves, and then it becomes a warning “*neither to fear nor hope;*”—if the thorns only are cut off, you imply that “*fear is to be banished;*”

but if you leave the thorns, and take away the leaves, you warn the receiver that “there is every thing to fear.”

For the purpose of making the Language of Flowers fully understood, it is necessary to lay down certain rules for the guidance of the learner; and by attention to the following instructions, it will soon become a delightful occupation, and a perfect knowledge of the art will in a short time be gained

DIRECTIONS.

1. A flower presented with leaves on its stem expresses affirmatively the sentiment of which it is the emblem;—stripped of its leaves it has a negative meaning:—if the plant be flowerless, the latter is expressed by cutting the tops off the leaves.
2. When a flower is given, the pronoun *I* is implied by inclining it to the *left*, and the word *thou* by inclining it to the *right*.
3. If an answer to a question is implied by the gift of a flower, presenting it to the right hand gives an affirmative, and to the left a negative reply.

4. The position in which a flower is worn may alter its meaning—on the head it conveys one sentiment, as *Caution*; on the breast another, as *Remembrance*, or *Friendship*; and over the heart a third, as *Love*.
5. If the flower be sent, the knot of the ribbon or silk with which it is tied should be on the left as you look at the front of the blossoms, to express *I* or *me*; and on the right for *thee* or *thou*.

LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.



PART THE FIRST.



<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Abecedary	Volubility.
Acacia	Chaste Love.
Acacia Pink	Elegance.
Acanthus	The Arts.
Achillea Millefolia	War.
Aconite-leaved Crow- foot, or Fair Maid of France	Lustre.
Adonis	Sorrowful Remem- brance.
Almond	Heedlessness.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Aloe	Acute Sorrow or Affliction.
Althæa Frutex	Persuasion.
Alyssum, Sweet	Worth beyond Beauty.
Amaranth	Immortality. Unfading Love.
Amaranth, Globe	Unchangeable.
Amaryllis	Pride.
Ambrosia	Love returned.
American Cowslip	Pensiveness.
American Elm	Patriotism.
American Linden	Matrimony.
American Star-wort	Welcome to a Stranger.
Anemone	Sickness.
Angelica	Inspiration.
Angrec	Royalty.
Apocynum	Falschood.
Apple	Temptation.
Apple-tree Blossom	Fame speaks him great and good.
Arbor Vitæ	Unchanging Friendship.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Arum, Wake Robin	Ardour.
Asclepias	Cure for the Heart-ache.
Ash	Grandeur.
Ash-leaved Trumpet Flower	Separation.
Aspen Tree	Lamentation
Asphodel	My regret will follow you to the grave.
Auricula	Painting.
Azalea	Temperance.
Bachelor's Button	Single Blessedness.
Balm	Sympathy.
Balm of Gilead	A cure.
Balsam	Impatience.
Bar-berry	Sourness.
Basil	Hatred.
Bay-berry	Instruction.
Bay-leaf	I change but in dying.
Bay-wreath	The Reward of Merit.
Bear's-breech	Art.
Beech Tree	Grandeur.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Bell Flower	Constancy.
Belvidere	I declare against you.
Bee Orchis	Industry.
Betony	Surprise.
Birch	Gracefulness.
Bird Cherry	Hope.
Bird's foot Trefoil	Revenge.
Bearded Crepis	Protection.
Black Poplar	Courage.
Black Thorn	Difficulty.
Bladder Senna	Frivolous Amuse- ments.
Bluebottle Centuary	Delicacy.
Blue flowered Greek Valerian	Rupture.
Blue Pyramidal Bell Flower	Constancy.
Bonus Henricus	Goodness.
Borage	Bluntness or rough- ness of manners.
Box	Stoicism.
Bramble	Remorse.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Branch of Currants	You please all.
Branch of Thorns	Severity or Rigour.
Bryony	Prosperity.
Buck-bean	Calm Repose.
Bud of a White Rose	A Heart ignorant of Love.
Bugloss	Falsehood.
Bundle of Reeds with their Panicles	Music.
Buttercup	Childishness. Riches.
Butterfly Orchis	Gaiety.
Cabbage	Profit.
Calla Æthiopica	Feminine modesty.
Calycanthus	Benevolence.
Canary Grass	Perseverance.
Candy-tuft	Architecture.
Canterbury Bell	Gratitude.
Cardamine	Paternal Error.
Catesby's Star-Wort	After-thought.
Cardinal's Flower	Distinction.
Catalpa Tree	Beware of the Co- quette.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Catch Fly	Youthful Love.
Cedar of Lebanon	Incorruptible.
Cedar Trees	Strength.
Chamomile	Energy in Adversity.
Chequered Fritillary	Persecution.
Cherry Tree Blossom	Spiritual Beauty.
Chesnut Tree	Render me Justice.
China Aster or Chi- nese Starwort	Variety.
China or Indian Pink	Aversion.
China Rose	Beauty always new.
Chinese Chrysanthe- mum	Cheerfulness under adversity.
Cistus, or Rock Rose	Popular Favour.
Cobœa	Gossip.
Cock's Comb or Crest- ed Amaranth	Singularity.
Colchicum or Meadow Saffron	My best days are past.
Coltsfoot	Maternal Care.
Columbine	Folly.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Common Cactus or Indian Fig	I burn.
Convolvulus Major	Extinguished Hopes.
Convolvulus Minor	Night.
Corehorus	Impatienee of Ab sence.
Coriopsis	Love at First Sight.
Coriander	Concealed Merit.
Coronilla	Success crown your wishes.
Cowslip	Pensiveness. Attractive grace.
Cranberry	Hardiness.
Creeping Cereus	Horror.
Croesus	Smiles. Cheerfulness.
Cross at Jerusalem	Devotion.
Crown Imperial	Majesty and Power.
Crown of Roses	Reward of Merit.
Cuckoo-pint	Ardour.
Cyclamen	Diffidence.
Cypress	Despair.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Cypress Tree	Death and eternal Sor- row.
Daffodil	Deceitful Hope.
Dahlia	Instability.
Daisy /	Beauty and Innocence.
—— Double	I partake your Senti- ments.
—— Ox Eye	A Token.
—— Wild	Innocence.
Damask Rose	Freshness of complex- ion.
Dandelion	Oracle.
Daphne Odora	Sweets to the Sweet.
Darnel or Ray Grass	Vice.
Day Lily	Coquetry.
Dew Plant	Serenade.
Diosma	Inutility.
Dittany	Birth.
Dock	Patience.
Dodder of Thyme	Business.
Dogwood, or Cornel- Tree	Durability.

*Flowers.**Meanings.*

Dragon Plant	Snarc.—The Betrayer.
Dried Flax	Utility.
Ebony	Blackness.
Eglantine, or Sweet Briar	Poetry.
Elder	Zealousness.
Elm	Dignity.
Enchaater's Night- shade	Witchcraft.
Endive	Frugality.
Eupatorium	Delay.
Ever-Flowering Can- dy tuft	Indifference.
Evergreen	Poverty.
Evergreen Thorn	Solace in Adversity
Everlasting	Never-ceasing Remem- brance.
Everlasting Pea	Lasting Pleasure.
Fennel	Worthy all Praise.
Fern (Flowering)	Fascination.
Fern	Sincerity.
Fig	Argument.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Fig Marygold	Idleness.
Fig-Tree	Prolific.
Filbert	Reconciliation.
Fir	Time.
Flax	Fate.
Flax-leaved Goldy- Locks	Tardiness.
Flower of an Hour	Delicate Beauty.
Flowering Reed	Confidence in Heaven.
Fly Orchis	Error.
Forget-me-not	True Love.
Fox-Glove	South.
Frankincense	The incense of a Faith- ful Heart.
French Honeysuckle	Rustic Beauty.
French Marygold	Jealousy.
French Willow	Bravery and Humanity.
Frog Ophrys	Disgust.
Full Blown Eglantine	Simplicity.
Full Blown Rose	Beauty.
Fuller's Teasel	Importunity.
Fumitory	Spleen.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Fuschia, Scarlet	Taste.
Garden Marygold	Uneasiness.
Garden Ranunculus	You are rich in attractions.
Garden Sage	Esteem,
Gentian	Virgin Pride.
Genista	Neatness.
Geranium, Dark	Melancholy.
——— Nutmeg	An unexpected Meeting.
——— Pink	Preference.
——— Scarlet	Comforting.
——— Silverleaved	Recall.
Germander Speedwell	Facility.
Gilly-Flower	Bonds of Affection.
Glory-Flower	Glorious Beauty.
Goat's Rue	Reason.
Golden Rod	Precaution.
Good King Henry	Goodness.—Same plant as Bonus Henricus.
Gooseberry	Anticipation.
Gourd	Extent, Bulk.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Grape, Wild	Charity.
Great Bindweed	Dangerous Insinuation.
Great Flowered Evening Primrose	Inconstancy.
Guelder Rose	Winter or Age.
Hare-Bell	Delicate and lonely as this flower. Submission.
Hawk-weed	Quick-sightedness,
Hawthorn	Hope
Hazel	Reconciliation.
Heart's Ease or Pansy	You occupy my thoughts.
Heath	Solitude,
Helenium	Tears.
Heliotrope	Devoted to you.
Hellebore	Calumny.
Hemlock	You will cause my death.
Hemp	Fate.
Henbane	Imperfection.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Hepatica	Confidence.
Hibiscus	Delicate Beauty.
Hoarhound	Frozen Kindness.
Holly	Foresight.
Hollyherb	Enchantment.
Hollyhock	Fecundity.
Honesty	Honesty.
Honeyflower	Love, sweet and secret.
Honeysuckle	Bond of Love. Sweetness of Disposition.
————— Wild	Inconstancy in Love.
Hop	Injustice.
Hornbeam Tree	Ornament.
Horse Chestnut	Luxuriancy.
House Leek	Vivacity. Domestic Industry.
Houstonia	Content.
Hoya	Sculpture.
Humble Plant	Despondency.
Hundred-leaved Rose	Grace.
Hyacinth	Play, or Games.
Hydrangea	Boaster.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Hyssop	Cleanly.
Iceland Moss	Health.
Ice Plant	You freeze me.
Indian Cress	Resignation.
Iris	Message.
Ivy	Fidelity.
Japan Rose	Beauty is your only attraction.
Jonquil	Desire.
Judas Tree	Unbelief.
Juniper	Asylum.
Justicia	The Perfection of Fe- male Loveliness.
Kennedia	Mental Beauty.
King-cup	I wish I was rich.
Laburnum	Pensive Beauty.
Lady's Slipper	Capricious Beauty.
Larkspur	Levity.
Laurel	Glory.
Laurel Common in Flower	Perfidy.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Laurel-leaved Magnolia	Dignity.
Laurustinus	I die if I'm neglected.
Lavender	Assiduity.
Lemon	Zest.
Lettuce	Cold-hearted.
Lichen	Solitude.
Lilac	Forsaken.
Lily of the Valley	Return of Happiness.
Lime or Linden Tree	Conjugal Fidelity
Live Oak	Liberty.
Lobelia	Arrogance.
Loeust	Vicissitude.
London Pride	Frivolity.
Lotus-Flower	Silence.
Love in a Mist	Perplexity.
Love in a puzzle	Embarrasment.
Love lies bleeding	Hopeless not Heartless.
Lucerne	Life.
Lupine	Voraciousness.
Lychnis	Religious Enthusiasm.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Lythrum	Pretension.
Madder	Calumny.
Madwort, Roek	Tranquillity.
Maize	Plenty.
Mallow	Sweet Disposition.
Mandrake	Rarity.
Maple	Reserve.
Marjoram	Blushes.
Marsh Mallow	Humanity.
Marvel of Peru	Timidity.
Marygold	Despair.
May Rose	Precocity.
Meadow Saffron	My best days are past.
Meadow Sweet	Uselessness.
Mereury	Goodness.
Mesembryanthemum	Idleness.
Mezereou	Desire to please. Co- quette.
Michaelmas Daisy	Cheerfulness in old age.
Milfoil, or Yarrow	War.
Mignonette	Your qualities surpass your charms.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Milk Vetch	Your presence softens my pain.
Mimosa	Sensitiveness.
Mint	Virtue.
Mistletoe	Obstacles to be over- come or surmounted.
Mock Orange	Counterfeit.
Monk's Hood	Knight-errantry.
Mosehatell	Weakness.
Moss	Recluse.
Moss Rose	Voluptuous Love.
Mosses	Ennui.
Mossy Saxifrage	Maternal Love.
Motherwort	Concealed Love.
Mountain Ash	Prudence.
Mouse Ear Chick- weed	Ingenious simplicity.
Mouse Ear Scorpion Grass	Forget-me not.
Moving Plant	Agitation.
Mulberry Tree	Wisdom.
Mushroom	Suspicion.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Musk Rose	Capricious beauty.
Myrtle	Love.
Narcissus	Self esteem.
Nasturtium	Patriotism.
Nettle	Slander.
Night-blooming Ce- reus	Transient beauty, Wealth of true affec- tion.
Oak	Hospitality.
Oats	The witching soul of music.
Oleander	Beware.
Olive	Peace.
Orchis	A Belle.
Orange Flowers	Chastity. Bridal fes- tivity.
Orange Tree	Generosity.
Osier	Frankness.
Ox-eye	Obstacle.
Palm	Victory.
Parsley	Feast or banquet.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Passion-flower	Religious superstition.
Patience Dock	Patience.
Pea	An appointed meet- ing.
Peach Blossom	I am your captive.
Penny Royal	Flee away.
Peony	Shame.
Pepper Plant	Satire.
Periwinkle	Pleasures of Memory.
Persicaria	Restoration.
Persimon	Bury me amid Nature's Beauties.
Peruvian Heliotrope	Intoxicated with plea- sure.—Devotion.
Pheasant's Eye or Floss Adonis	Remembrance
Phlox	Unanimity.
Pimpernel	Assignment.
Pine	Pity.
Pine Apple	You are perfect.
Plane Tree	Genius.
Plum Tree	Independence.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Polyanthus	Confidence.
Pomegranate	Foolishness.
Poppy	Oblivion. Consolation to the Sick.
Prickly Pear	Satire.
Pride of China	Dissension.
Primrose.	Youth.—Early days.
Privet	Defence.
Purple Clover	Provident.
Pyrus Japonica	Fairies' Fire.
Quamoclet	Busybody.
Queen's Rocket	You are the Queen of Coquettes.
Ragged Robin	Wit.
Raspberry	Envy.
Red Bay	Love's Memory.
Red Mulberry	Wisdom.
Red Pink	Lively and pure Love.
Rhododendron	Danger.
Rocket	Rivalry
Rose	Genteel, pretty.
Rose, Acacia	Elegance.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Rosebay Willow Herb	Celibacy.
Rosemary.	Fidelity.—Remembrance.
Rudbeckia	Justice.
Rue	Grace, or Purification.
Rush	Docility.
Sage	Domestic Virtue.
Saffron Flower	Do not abuse.
Saffron Crocus	Mirth.
Sardony	Irony.
Scabious	Unfortunate attachment.
Scarlet Flowered Ipomœa	Attachment.
Scarlet Geranium	Preferenc.
Scarlet Ipomœa	I attach myself to you.
Scarlet Nasturtium	Splendour.
Scotch Fir	Elevation.
Sensitive Plant	Bashful modesty. Delicate feelings.
Shamrock	Light heartedness ; also the Emblem of Ireland.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Siberian Crab Tree	
Blossom	Deeply Interesting.
Silver Fir	Elevation.
Small Bindweed	Obstinaey.
Small White Violet	Candour and Innocence.
Small White Bell Flower	Gratitude.
Snap Dragon	Presumption.
Snow Ball	Thoughts of Heaven.
Snow Drop	Consolation. Adventurous Friendship.
Sorrel	Wit ill-timed.
Sorrel, Wild	Parental Affection.
Sorrowful Geranium	Sorrowful Remembrance
Southern Wood	Jest or Bantering.
Spanish Jasmine	Sensuality.
Speedwell	Female Fidelity
———— Spiked	Resemblance.
Spider Orphys	Adroitness.
———— Wort	Transient Happiness.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Spirae Hypericum Fru- tex	Uselessness.
Spring Caroline	Disappointment.
Squirting Cucumber	Critic.
St. John's Wort	Superstitious Sanctity.
Star of Bethlehem	The light of our path.
Stinging Nettle	Cruelty.
Stock, or Gilly-Flower	Lasting Beauty.
Straw, whole	Union.
Strawberry	Perfect Goodness.
Striped Pink	Refusal.
Sumach	Splendour.
Sunflower	False Riches.
———— Tall	Lofty and pure thoughts.
———— Dwarf	Your devout Adorer.
Swallow Wort	Medicine
Sweet Briar	Poetry.
——— Flag	Fitness.
——— Pea	Delicate Pleasure. De- parture.
——— Scabious	Widowhood.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Sweet Sultan	Felicity.
----- Scented Tussilage	You shall have Justice.
----- William	Craftiness.
Sycamore	Woodland Beauty.
Syringa	Memory.
Tamarisk	Crime.
Tansy	Resistance.
Teasel	Misanthropy.
Ten Week's Stock	Promptitude.
Thistle, common	Austerity.
Thorn Apple	Deceitful Charms.
Thrift	Mutual Sensibility
Throat Wort	Neglected Beauty.
Thyme	Activity.
Tiger Flower	For once may Pride befriend me.
Traveller's Joy	Safety.
Tree of Life	Old Age.
Tuberose	I have seen a lovely Girl.
Tulip Red	Declaration of Love.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Tulip Variegated	Beautiful Eyes.
——— Tree	Fame.
Turnip	Charity.
Valerian	Accommodating Disposition.
Various Coloured Lantana	Rigour.
Venetian Sumach	Intellectual excellence
Venus's Fly Trap	Deceit.
——— Looking Glass	Flattery.
Verbena	Sensibility.
Vernal Grass	Poor but Happy.
Vervain	Superstition.
Vetch Bush	Shyness.
Vine	Drunkenness.
Violet Sweet	Modesty.
Violet Yellow	Rural Happiness
——— Blue	Faithfulness.
——— Dame	Watchfulness.
Virgin's Bower	Artifice.
Virginian Spider Wort	Momentary Happiness.
Volkamenica Japonica	May you be Happy

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Wall Flower.	Fidelity in Misfortune
—— Speedwell	Fidelity.
Walnut	Intellect.
Water Melon	Bulkiness.
Wax Plant	Susceptibility.
Wheat	Riches.
Whin	Anger.
White Jasmine	Amiability.
—— Lily	Purity and modesty.
—— Mullein	Good nature.
—— Oak	Independence.
—— Pink	Talent.
—— Poplar	Time.
—— Rose, Dried	Death preferable to loss of innocence.
—— Violet	Purity of sentiment.
Whortle Berry	Treason.
Willow	Forsaken
—— Water	Freedom.
—— Weeping	Melancholy.
—— Creeping	Love forsaken.
—— Herb	Pretension.

<i>Flowers.</i>	<i>Meanings.</i>
Winter Cherry	Deception.
Witch Hazel	A spell.
Woodbine	Fraternal Love.
Wood Sorrel	Maternal Tenderness.
Wormwood	Absence.
Xanthium, Clot Bur	Rudeness.
Yellow Carnation	Disdain.
——— Day Lily	Coquetry.
——— Gentian	Ingratitude.
——— Iris	Flame of Love.
——— Rose	Infidelity.
Yew	Sorrow.

END OF THE FIRST PART.

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PART THE SECOND.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
A Belle	Orchis
Absence	Wormwood
Accommodating Disposition	Valerian.
Activity	Thyme.
Acute Sorrow or Affliction	Aloe.
Adroitness	Spider Orphys.
After-thought	Catesby's Star-Wort.
Agitation	Moving Plant.
Amiable	White Jasmine.
An appointed meeting	Pea.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Anger,	Whin.
Anticipation	Gooseberry.
Architecture	Candy-Tuft
Ardour	Cuckoo-pint. Arum.
Argument	Fig.
Arrogance	Lobelia.
Art	Bear's-breech.
Arts, The	Acanthus.
Artifice	Virgin's Bower.
A Spell	Witch Hazel.
Assiduity	Lavender.
Assignation	Pimpernel,
Asylum	Juniper.
Attachment.	Scarlet Flowered Ipomœa.
Attractive Grace	Cowslip.
Austerity	Common Thistle.
Aversion	China or Indian Pink.
Bashful modesty—	
Delicate feelings	Sensitive Plant.
Bashful Shame	Peony.
Beauty	Full-blown Rose,

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Beauty always new	China Rose.
Beauty is your only attraction	Japan Rose.
Beautiful eyes	Variegated tulip.
Benevolence	Calycanthus.
Betrayer, The	Dragon Plant.
Beware	Oleander.
Beware of the Co- quette	Catalpa Tree.
Birth	Dittany
Blackness	Ebony.
Bluntness of manners	Borage.
Blushes	Marjoram.
Boaster	Hydrangea
Bond of Love	Honeysuckle.
Bonds of Affection	Gilly-Flower.
Bravery and humility	French Willow.
Bulkiness	Water melon.
Bury me amid Na- ture's beauties	Persimon.
Business	Dodder of Thyme.
Busybody	Quamoclet.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Calm repose	Buckbean.
Calumny	Hellebore. Maddar.
Candour and Innocence	Small white violet.
Capricious beauty	Musk rose.
Celibacy	Rosebay. Willow herb.
Charity	Wild Grape.
Chaste love	Acacia.
Chastity	Orange flower.
Cheerfulness	Crocus.
Cheerfulness in old age	Michaelmas daisy.
Cheerfulness in adversity	Chinese Chrysanthemum.
Childishness	Butter-cup.
Cleanly	Hyssop.
Cold-hearted	Lettuce.
Comforting	Scarlet geranium.
Complaisance	Common reed.
Concealed love	Motherwort.
Concealed merit	Coriander.

<i>Meanings,</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Confidence	Hepatica. Polyanthus.
Confidence in heaven	Flowering reed.
Conjugal fidelity	Lime or Linden tree.
Conclusion	Snow-drop
Consolation to the sick	Poppy.
Constancy	Blue pyramid bell flower.
Content	Houstonia.
Coquetry	Yellow day lily.
Counterfeit	Mock orange.
Courage	Black poplar.
Craftiness	Sweet William.
Crime	Tamarisk.
Critic	Squirting Cucumber.
Cruelty	Stinging nettle.
Cure, A	Balm of Gilead.
Cure for the heart-ache	Asclepias.
Danger	Rhododendron.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Dangerous Insinua- tions	Great Bindweed,
Death and eternal sor- row	Cypress Tree,
Death preferable to loss of innocence	White rose dried.
Deceit	Venus's fly trap.
Deceitful charms	Thorn apple.
Deceitful Hope	Daffodil.
Deception	Winter cherry.
Declaration of Love	Red Tulip.
Deeply interesting	Siberian crab-tree blossom.
Defence	Privet.
Delay	Eupatorium.
Delicacy	Blue-bottle centaury.
Delicate and lovely as this flower	Hare-bell.
Delicate beauty	Hibiscus. Flower of an hour.
Delicate pleasure	Sweet pea.
Desire	Jonquil.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Desire to please	Mezereon.
Despair	Cypress. Marigold.
Despondency	Humble plant.
Devoted to you	Heliotrope.
Devotion	Cross of Jerusalem.
Difficulty	Black thorn.
Diffidence	Cyclamen.
Dignity	Elm. Laurel-leaved magnolia.
Disappointment	Spring caroline.
Disdain	Yellow carnation.
Disgust	Frog Orphrys.
Dissension	Pride of China.
Distinction	Cardinal's flower.
Docility	Rush.
Domestic industry	Houseleek
Domestic virtue	Sage
Do not abuse	Saffron flower.
Drunkenness	Vine
Durability	Dogwood or Cornel tree.
Early youth	Primrose.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Elegance	Aeacia Pink.
Elevation	Silver Fir.
Embarrassment	Love in a puzzle.
Enchantment	Hollyherb.
Energy in adversity	Camomile.
Ennui	Mosses.
Envy	Raspberry.
Error	Fly Orchis.
Esteem	Garden sage.
Extent, bulk	Gourd.
Extinguished hopes	Convolvulus major.
Facility	Germander speedwell.
Falsehood	Apocynum. Bugloss.
False riches	Sun Flower.
Fame speakshim great and good	Apple-tree blossom.
Fascination	Flowering Fern.
Fate	Flax.
Feast or banquet	Parsley.
Fecundity	Hollyhock.
Felicity	Sweet Sultan.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Female fidelity	Wall speedwell. Rose- mary.
Feminine modesty	Calla Æthiopica.
Fidelity in friendship	Ivy.
Fidelity in misfortune	Wall flower.
Fitness	Sweet flag.
Flame of love	Yellow Iris.
Flee away	Penny Royal.
Fraternal love	Woodbine.
Freedom	Water Willow.
Frozen Kindness	Hoarhound.
Flattery	Venus's looking-glass.
Folly	Columbine.
Foolishness	Pomegranate.
Foresight.	Holly.
Forget-me-not	Mouse-ear scorpion- grass.
For once may pride befriend me	Tiger flower.
Forsaken	Lilac. Willow.
Frankness	Osier.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Freshness of complexion	Damask rose.
Friendship	Acacia Rose.
Frivolity	London Pride.
Frivolous amusements	Bladder Senna.
Frugality	Endive.
Gaiety	Butterfly Orchis.
Generosity	Orange tree.
Genius	Plane tree.
Genteel	Rose.
Glorious Beauty	Glory Flower.
Glory	Laurel.
Good education	Cherries.
Good nature	White Mullein.
Goodness	Bonus Henricus. Good Henry.
Gossip	Cobœa.
Grace	Hundred-leaved rose.
Gracefulness	Birch.
Grandeur	Ash. Beech tree.
Gratitude	Small white bell flower.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Hardiness	Cranberry.
Hatred	Basil.
Heart ignorant of love	Bud of a white Rose.
Health	Iceland moss.
Heedlessness	Almond.
Honesty	Honesty.
Hope	Bird cherry. Hawthorn.
Hopeless not heartless	Love lies bleeding.
Horror	Creeping Cereus.
Hospitality	Oak.
Humanity.	Marsh mallow.
I am your captive	Peach blossom.
I attach myself to you	Scarlet Ipomœa
I burn	Common cactus.
I change but in dying	Bay-leaf.
I declare against you	Belvidere.
I die if I'm neglected	Laurustinus.
Idleness	Mesembryanthemum. Fig Marigold.
I have seen a lovely girl	Tuberose.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Immortality	Amaranth.
Impatience	Balsam.
Impatience of absence	Borchorus.
Imperfection	Henbane
Importunity	Juller's Teasel.
Inconstancy	Great flowered evening primrose.
Inconstancy in love	Wild honeysuckle.
Incorruptible	Cedar of Lebanon.
Independence	Plum tree. White oak.
Indifference	Ever-flowering candy tuft.
Indiscretion	Split Reed.
Industry	Bee Orchis.
I shall ne'er look upon his like again	Rhododendron.
Infidelity	Yellow Rose.
Ingenious simplicity	Mouse-ear chickweed.
Ingratitude	Yellow gentian.
Injustice	Hop.
Innocence	Wild daisy.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Innocence and beauty	Daisy.
Inspiration	Angelica.
Instability	Dahlia.
Instruction	Bay-berry.
Intellect	Walnut.
Intellectual excellence	Venetian Sumach.
Intoxicated with pleasure	Peruvian Heliotrope.
Inutility	Diosma.
I partake your sentiments	Double daisy.
Irony	Sardony.
Single Blessedness	Bachelor's button.
I wish I was rich	King-cup
Jealousy	French Marigold.
Jest or bantering	Southern wood
Justice	Rudbeckia.
Knight errantry	Monk's hood.
Lamentation	Aspen tree.
Lasting beauty	Gilly-flower.
Lasting pleasure	Everlasting pea.
Levity	Larkspur.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Liberty	Live oak.
Life	Lucerne.
Light-heartedness	Shamrock.
Lively and pure love	Red Pink.
Love	Myrtle.
—— at first sight	Coriopsis.
—— forsaken	Creeping Willow
—— match, A	London Pride
—— returned	Ambrosia.
—— sweet and secret	Honey-flower.
Love's memory	Red bay.
Lustre	Aconite-leaved crow- foot.
Luxuriance	Horse Chesnut.
Majesty and power	Crown imperial.
Maternal care	Coltsfoot.
——— love	Mossy saxifragc.
——— tenderness	Wood sorrel.
Matrimony	American Linden.
May you be blessed, though I be misera- ble !	Volkamenicajaponica.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Medicine	Swallow-wort.
Melancholy	Dark geranium.
Melancholy lover	Weeping Willow.
Memory	Mock orange. Syringa
Mental beauty	Kennedia.
Message	Iris.
Mirth	Saffron Crocus.
Misanthropy	Teasel.
Modesty	Sweet violet.
Momentary happiness	Virginia spider wort.
Music	Bundle of reeds with their panicles.
Mutual Sensibility	Thrift.
My best days are past	Colchicum. Meadow saffron.
My heart bleeds for you	Camelia Japonica.
My regret will follow you to the grave	Asphodel.
Neatness	Genista.
Neglected beauty	Throatwort.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Never-ceasing remembrance	Everlasting,
Night	Convolvulus Minor.
Oblivion	Poppy.
Obstacle	Ox eye.
Obstinacy	Small bindweed,
Old age	Tree of life.
Oracle	Dandelion.
Ornament	Hornbeam tree,
Obstacles to be overcome	Mistletoe,
Painting	Auricula.
Parental affection	Wild sorrel,
Participation	Double daisy.
Paternal error	Cardamine.
Patience	Patience dock
Patriotism	American elm. Nasturtium.
Peace	Olive.
Pensive beauty	Laburnum.
Pensiveness	American cowslip.
Perfect goodness	Strawberry.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Perfidy	Common laurel in flower.
Perplexity	Love in a mist.
Persecution	Chequered Fritillary.
Perseverance	Canary grass.
Persuasion	Althæa frutex.
Pity	Pine.
Play, or Games	Hyacinth.
Pleasures of memory	Periwinkle.
Plenty	Maize.
Poetry	Eglantine, or sweet-briar.
Poor but happy	Vernal grass.
Popular favour	Cistus, or rock Rose.
Povrety	Evergreen Clematis.
Precaution	Golden rod.
Precocity	May rose.
Preference	Scarlet Geranium.
Presumption	Snap-Dragon.
Pretension	Lythrum. Willow herb.
Pride	Amaryllis.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Profit	Cabbage.
Prolific	Fig-tree.
Promptitude	Ten week's stock.
Prosperity	Bryony.
Protection	Bearded Crepis.
Provident	Purple clover.
Prudence	Mountain ash.
Purification or Grace	Rue.
Purity and modesty	White lily.
Purity of sentiment	White violet.
Quick-sightedness	Hawkweed.
Rarity	Mandrake.
Reason	Goat's rue.
Recall	Silver-headed geranium.
Recluse	Moss.
Reconciliation	Filbert.
Refusal	Striped pink.
Religious enthusiasm	Lychnis.
Religious superstition	Passion flower.
Remembrance	Pheasant's eye or floss Adonis.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Remorse	Bramble.
Render me justice	Chesnut tree
Resemblance	Spiked Speedwell.
Reserve	Maple.
Resignation	Indian cress.
Resistance	Tansy.
Restoration	Persicaria.
Return of happiness	Lily of the valley.
Revenge	Bird's foot Trefoil.
Reward of virtue	Crown of roses.
Reward of merit	Bay wreath.
Riches	Wheat. Butter cup.
Rigour	Various-coloured lantana.
Rivalry	Roeket.
Royalty	Angree.
Rudeness	Xanthium. Clot bur.
Rupture	Blue flowered Greek valerian.
Rural Happiness	Yellow violet.
Rustic Beauty	French honeysuckle.
Safety	Traveller's joy.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Satire	Pepper plant. Prickly pear.
Sculpture	Hoya.
Self-esteem	Narcissus,
Sensibility	Verbena.
Sensitiveness	Mimosa.
Sensuality	Spanish jasmine.
Separation	Ash-leaved trumpet flower.
Serenade	Dew-plant.
Severity	Branch of thorns.
She will be fashionable	Queen's rocket.
Shyness	Vetch bush.
Sickness	Anemone.
Silence	Lotus flower.
Simplicity	Full blown Eglantine.
Sincerity	Fern.
Singularity	Cock's comb, or crested amaranth.
Slander	Nettle.
Sleep of the heart	White Poppy.
Smiles	Crocus.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Snare	Dragon plant.
Solace in adversity	Evergreen Thorn,
Solitude	Lichen. Heath.
Sorrow	Yew.
Sorrowful remem- brance	Sorrowful geranium, Barberry.
Sourness	Cherry-tree blossom.
Spiritual beauty	Scarlet nasturtium.
Splendour	Sumach,
Spleen	Common fumitory.
Stoicism	Box.
Strength.	Cedar tree.
Submission	Harebell.
Success crown your wishes	Coronilla.
Superstition.	Vervain.
Superstitious sanctity	St. John's Wort.
Surprise	Betony.
Susceptibility	Wax plant.
Suspicion	Mushroom.
Sweet disposition	Mallow.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Tranquillity	Madwort, rock
Transient beauty	Night-blooming Cereus.
———— happiness	Spider wort
Treason	Whortle berry.
True love	Forget-me-not.
Truth	Bitter sweet night- shade
Unanimity	Phlox.
Unbelief	Judas tree.
Unchangeable	Globe amaranth
Unchanging friend- ship	Arbor vitæ.
Uneasiness	Garden marigold.
Unexpected meeting	Nutmeg geranium.
Unfortunate attach- ment	Scabious.
Union	Whole straw.
Uselessness	Spiræ hypericum fru- tex. Meadow sweet
Utility	Dried Flax.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Variety	China aster or Chinese starwort.
Vice	Darnel, or ray grass.
Vicissitude	Locust.
Victory	Palm.
Virgin pride	Gentian.
Virtue	Mint.
Vivacity	House leek
Volubility	Abecedary.
Voluptuous love	Moss Rose.
Voluptuousness	Tuberose.
Voraciousness	Lupine.
Vulgar minds	African marigold.
War	Achillea millefolia. Common milfoil.
Watchfulness	Dame violet.
Weakness	Moschatell.
Welcome to a stranger	American starwort.
Widowhood	Sweet scabious.
Winter, or Age	Guelder Rose.
Wisdom	Red Mulberry.
Wit	Ragged Robin.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
Wit, ill-timed	Sorrel.
Witchcraft	Enchanter's night-shade.
Woodland beauty	Sycamore.
Worth beyond beauty	Sweet asylum.
Worthy all praise	Fennel.
You are my divinity	American cowslip.
You are perfect	Pine apple.
You are rich in attractions	Garden ranunculus.
You are the queen of coquettes.	Queen's rocket.
You are without pretensions	Rose campion.
You freeze me	Ice plant.
You occupy my thoughts	Heart's ease or Pansy.
You please all	Bunch of currants.
Your presence softens	Milk vetch.
Your qualities surpass your charms.	Mignonette.

<i>Meanings.</i>	<i>Flowers.</i>
You shall have justice	Sweet-scented tussilage.
Youth	Fox glove.
Youthful love	Catch-fly.
You will cause my death	Hemlock.
Zealousness	Elder.
Zest	Lemon.

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